

Hearing

The literature pertaining to driving risk associated with hearing loss is scant and results are inconsistent and not strongly supportive of a need to restrict these drivers. The editors thus wish to minimize the restriction on professional drivers in the BC Guide.

The “BC Guide,” the “National Safety Code,” and the CMA Guide recommend no restriction on private (class 5) drivers.

For professional drivers, the guides vary – see table:

| | BC | NSC | CMA |
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| Class 1 and 3 | Max 55 db loss uncorrected in better ear. | No restriction. | No restriction. |
| Class 2, 4 – taxi, bus, emergency vehicles. | Max loss 40 db corrected in better ear for taxi, 40 db uncorrected for bus. | Corrected loss no more than 40 db in better ear. | Corrected loss no more than 40 db. |
| Carrying dangerous goods. | Not mentioned. | As for class 2, 4. | As for class 2, 4. |

After deleting the last sentence of paragraph 2 in sec 3.0 and deleting sec 3.3 in its entirety, the preamble in the “BC Guide” will remain unchanged. The editors propose to revise the BC guide by substituting the NSC standard. Attached are the relevant pages from the various guides. We request your input regarding this proposed change.